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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

Subject: External Activities of the Central Intelligence Group

All activities of the Strategic Services Unit will be discontinued effective 12 October 1948.

Coincident therewith, the Special Operations Office of the Central Intelligence Group will assume responsibility for the conduct of espionage and counter-espionage operations in the field for the collection of foreign intelligence information required for the national security. Every possible effort is being made to extend and develop foreign coverage. Only a limited number of carefully selected individuals formerly with Strategic Services Unit will be employed to inaugurate the program under the new auspices.

The continued cooperation and support of the Navy Department is solicited to the end that this essential service may be performed in a progressively efficient manner to the advantage of all departments of the Government. Immediate emphasis is placed on the importance of the continuance of the logistical support to the Office of Special Operations in the China Theater, [REDACTED]

It is requested that interested agencies of the Navy Department be advised of the above.

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ABSTRACT NOTATION REFERENCES

Advises recipients that SSU will be discontinued effective 19 Oct 46. OSO/CIG will assume responsibility for the conduct of espionage and counter-espionage ops in the field. Only a limited number of former SSU employees will be employed to inaugurate the new program.

Navy is asked to continue logistical support in the China Theater where

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